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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1921.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the 33 principal towns in the Island proclaimed under sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Births.

2. The number of births registered was 1,566 (803 males and 763 females), and was equal to an annual rate of 29·97 per 1,000, against 31·34 in the preceding month, 27·95 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30·59 the average for the corresponding months since 1911. The rate ranged from 11·17 in Vavuniya to 59·17 in Puttalam.

3. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 535 (280 males and 255 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 22·85 per 1,000, against 24·15 in the preceding month, 22·44 in the corresponding month of last year, and 26·47 the average for the corresponding months since 1911. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 8·22 in Kollupitiya to 34·24 in Wellawatta.

Deaths.

4. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 2,348 (1,306 males and 1,042 females). There were 1,785 deaths of residents in towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 37·23 per 1,000, as against 36·50 in the preceding month, 34·05 in the corresponding month of last year, and 32·39 the average for the month of February in each year since 1911. The rate ranged from 169·02 in Anuradhapura to 11·78 in Nuwara Eliya.

5. In the city of Colombo 750 deaths were registered (438 males and 312 females). There were 651 deaths of residents, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 32·25 per 1,000, against 34·05 in the preceding month, 28·35 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29·17 the average for the month of February in each year since 1911. Excluding the Fort and the Pettah Wards the rate ranged from 37·59 in Wellawatta to 9·68 in Kollupitiya.

6. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 122 (71 males and 51 females), as against 109 in the preceding month.

Infant Mortality.

7. The mortality of infants under one year of age was equal to a rate of 315 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended the last day of February, 1921. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 295, as against 280 in the preceding month, 232 in the corresponding month of last year, and 265 the average for the corresponding months since 1911.

8. In the city of Colombo the mortality of infants was equal to a rate of 305 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended February 28, 1921. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 318, as against 337 in the preceding month, 211 in the corresponding month of last year, and 277 the average for the corresponding months since 1911.

Causes of Death.

9. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 11 per cent. of the total deaths was due, *Debility* caused 9 per cent. of the deaths, *Enteritis*, *Convulsions*, and *Diarrhoea* caused 6 per cent. each, *Anchylostomiasis*, *Dysentery*, *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, and *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis* 5 per cent. each, *Bronchitis*, *Influenza*, *Enteric Fever*, and *Prematurity* 2 per cent. each, and *Puerperal Septicæmia* 1 per cent.

10. In Colombo too the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, which caused 10 per cent. of the deaths, 9 per cent. was due to *Debility*, 8 per cent. to *Convulsions*, 7 per cent. to *Phtisis*, 6 per cent. to *Enteritis*, 3 per cent. each to *Influenza*, *Dysentery*, *Bronchitis*, *Diarrhoea*, and *Anchylostomiasis*, and 2 per cent. each to *Enteric Fever*, *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, and *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*.

11. Fifty-three deaths from *Plague* were registered (in Colombo), as against 55 in the preceding month and 18 in the corresponding month of last year. One death from *Smallpox* was also registered in Colombo.

12. *Infectious Diseases reported*.—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Chickenpox*, of which 133 cases were reported (87 in Colombo, 17 in Galle, 8 in Moratuwa, 6 in Nuwara Eliya), *Phtisis* followed with 129 cases (119 in Colombo), *Enteric Fever* 88 (38 in Colombo, 24 in Moratuwa, 11 in Galle), *Plague* 53 (52 in Colombo and 1 in Galle), *Continued Fever* 27 (15 in Colombo, 8 in Moratuwa), *Measles* 24 (21 in Colombo), *Whooping Cough* 5 (3 in Kandy), *Mumps* 3 (in Colombo), *Smallpox* 2 (in Colombo), *Diphtheria* 2 (1 in Colombo and 1 in Moratuwa), *Dysentery* 1 (in Puttalam), and *Acute Diarrhoea* 1 (in Moratuwa).

Meteorology.

13. *Rainfall*.—Kalutara recorded the highest rainfall (1·89 inches), followed by Galle (1·45 inches). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 0·72 of an inch in Matara to 0·01 of an inch in Kandy. Colombo recorded 0·19 of an inch.

14. *Temperature*.—The mean temperature varied from 80·7° in Ratnapura to 55·5° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 78·6° in Colombo.

15. For detailed statistics, see Tables I. and II. for all towns, and Tables III. and IV. for the city of Colombo, in the Appendix.

Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during February, 1921, their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, and the Stillbirths and Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates in the corresponding months since 1911, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall in the Month in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Provinces and Towns.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of March 10, 1911.	Population estimated to the Middle of 1921 by Intercensal Increase.	Total Births.			Total Deaths.			Total Stillbirths.			Deaths of Non-residents of Towns registered in Town Hospitals and Jails.	Deaths of Town Residents.	Birth-rate.		Death-rate excluding non-residents		Mortality of Children under One Year.						
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.			February, 1921.	Average Birth-rate for Feb., 1911–1920	Crude, February, 1921.	Standardized, ^a	Number registered during Feb., 1921.	Its proportion to 1000 births registered during Feb., 1921.	Its proportion per annum to 1000 births registered during the year ended the last day of Feb., 1921.				
All Towns ..	517,877	664,677	803	763	1,566	1,306	1,042	2,348	71	51	122	553	1,785	29·97	30·59	34·18	37·23	32·39	462	295	315	
Western.																								
Colombo ..	219,557	295,292	280	255	535	438	312	750	27	28	55	96	651	22·85	26·47	27·80	32·25	29·17	170	318	305	78·6	0·19	
Negombo ..	13,045	27,387	52	31	83	59	38	97	1	2	3	9	88	39·00	41·40	41·35	43·25	34·93	17	205	235	—	0·00	
Moratuwa ..	27,256	31,374	71	54	125	53	75	128	1	2	3	5	123	51·16	47·95	50·34	55·52	43·88	36	288	329	—	—	
Kalutara ..	13,005	14,563	25	24	49	25	13	38	1	—	1	10	27	43·33	36·40	23·87	23·72	28·84	9	184	237	—	1·89	
Panadure ..	5,709	8,256	19	13	32	9	12	21	1	—	1	5	16	48·57	25·05	24·28	28·91	21·05	5	156	273	—	—	
Central.																								
Kandy ..	30,149	33,616	38	51	89	73	86	159	6	3	9	43	116	34·08	31·14	44·42	48·42	29·66	21	236	250	75·0	0·01	
Gampola ..	5,521	7,839	9	10	19	14	12	26	3	1	4	5	21	30·43	40·86	33·63	34·90	30·52	3	158	188	—	0·00	
Nawalapitiya ..	3,767	4,097	4	4	8	11	14	25	—	—	—	14	11	25·23	29·99	34·69	37·71	37·98	4	500	466	—	0·00	
Hatton and Dikoya ..	3,025	3,206	1	3	4	8	11	19	—	—	—	14	5	16·17	29·09	20·21	23·60	27·79	2	500	274	—	0·00	
Matale ..	5,792	8,200 ^d	9	10	19	48	50	98	—	2	2	52	46	29·74	31·57	71·99	82·73	34·16	7	368	284	—	0·00	
Nuwara Eliya ..	14,910	15,136 ^e	5	13	18	9	14	23	—	—	—	11	12	15·50	14·96	10·33	11·78	10·73	6	333	352	55·5	0·02	
Southern.																								
Galle ..	39,936	42,725	76	54	130	94	59	153	4	2	6	41	111	39·38	35·68	33·62	32·92	31·44	23	177	235	78·8	1·45	
Ambalangoda ..	—	4,718	2	5	7	1	6	7	1	1	2	—	7	18·87	24·81	18·87	—f	—f	—	—	—	—	—	—
Matara ..	13,851	17,804 ^d	26	30	56	43	19	62	1	1	2	17	45	40·37	37·76	32·44	31·78	26·39	9	161	242	—	0·72	
Weligama ..	8,672	9,814	11	19	30	11	8	19	—	—	—	19	39·32	36·00	24·90	22·44	23·21	3	100	141	—	—		
Hambantota ..	3,092	3,346	9	6	15	9	8	17	—	—	—	4	13	57·95	32·90	50·22	56·16	36·29	6	400	631	78·8	0·13	
Tangalla ..	3,505	6,443 ^d	6	9	15	12	10	22	2	—	2	8	13	29·14	33·51	25·25	25·81	22·93	2	133	144	—	0·08	
Northern.																								
Jaffna ..	40,441	47,694	53	59	112	87	82	169	1	2	3	5	163	30·08	30·70	43·77	44·71	50·55	59	527	563	77·6	0·00	
Mannar ..	3,777	4,243	4	6	10	15	3	18	1	—	1	9	9	30·34	37·07	27·31	30·07	44·78	2	200	164	79·3	0·00	
Mullaithivu ..	1,392	1,475	2	2	4	5	2	7	2	1	3	1	6	27·90	37·71	41·85	55·48	54·67	3	750	711	—	0·00	
Vavuniya ..	808	1,126	—	1	1	1	5	6	—	—	—	—	6	11·17	22·86	67·01	90·99	41·96	1	—	724	—	0·00	
Eastern.																								
Batticaloa ..	10,671	11,367	12	20	32	19	15	34	4	—	4	—	34	36·45	26·51	38·73	38·19	31·84	10	313	296	77·6	0·05	
Kalmunai ..	—	2,146	1	1	2	3	2	5	—	—	—	1	4	12·02	40·94	24·05	—f	—f	—	—	—	—	—	0·00
Trincomalee ..	8,840	11,449	12	15	27	14	13	27	1	1	2	—	27	29·90	21·94	29·90	32·82	33·68	14	519	540	79·6	0·05	
North-Western.																								
Kurunegala ..	8,167	10,164	14	10	24	72	35	107	4	2	6	76	30	30·08	30·18	37·80	38·63	41·14	8	333	315	77·3	0·00	
Puttalam ..	5,990	6,939	14	18	32	16	14	30	2	1	3	8	22	59·17	40·17	40·68	43·51	44·80	8	250	374	77·6	0·00	
Kalpitiya ..	1,591	1,703	3	4	7	4	8	12	1	1	2	—	12	53·21	24·32	91·22	—f	—f	5	714	—	—	—	—
Chilaw ..	5,033	6,393 ^d	10	11	21	19	19	38	—	1	1	8	29	42·02	36·24	58·03	55·63	44·56	5	238	336	—	0·00	
North-Central.																								
Anuradhapura ..	5,361	7,643	9	7	16	67	45	112	3	—	3	27	84	26·27	25·11	137·94	169·02	58·32	14	875	764	76·4	0·00	
Uva.																								
Badulla ..	6,487	7,429 ^d	11	6	17	26	16	42	1	—	1	26	16	29·55	38·55	27·82	30·69	29·75	5	294	252	69·9	0·05	
Lunugala ..	515	643	—	2	2	20	14	34	—	—	—	34	—	39·66	30·97	—f	—f	2	—	—	—	—	—	
Sabaragamuwa.																								
Ratnapura ..	5,476	7,713 ^d	11	3	14	12	12	24	3	—	3	15	9	23·14	34·98	14·88	16·87	34·44	3	214	157	80·7	0·46	
Kegalla ..	2,536	2,734	4	7	11	9	10	19	—	—	—	9	10	52·03	35·56	47·30	43·38	18·79	—	—	—	—	0·00	

^a The standardized death-rates represent the crude death-rates multiplied by the respective standardizing factor in order to make correction for differences of sex- and age-constitution of the several populations in 1911, as compared with that of the Island.

^b Blanks indicate that there are no observatories or rain gauges.

^c Includes population of the Negombo Local Board and registration area.

^d This increase of population is due partly to the extension of the town limits.

^e Estimated to the end of December, 1920, by natural increase method.

^f Standardized death-rates for Kalpitiya and Lunugala towns are not available, as the population of these towns has not been enumerated at the Census of 1911 by age and sex, while the town of Kalmunai was created a registration division only in January, 1914, and Ambalangoda in January, 1915, the death-rates given for "All Towns" are, therefore, independent of the towns, but are scarcely affected by their rates.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during February, 1921, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

* Of this number 2 deaths are from Syphilis, 1 from Influenza, 1 from Cerebral Compression, and 1 from Cholæmia (in Colombo); 2 from Atelectasis (1 each in Colombo and Badulla); 1 from Rickets (in Kandy); and 1 from Thrush (in Chilaw).

[†] These include, besides 23 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 2 deaths from Nephritis (1 each in Negombo and Jaffna); 1 from Intestinal Obstruction and 4 from Stomatitis (in Moratuwa); 7 from Worms (1 in Kalutara, 5 in Galle, and 1 in Kurunegala); 1 from Indigestion (in Nuwara Eliya); 4 from Syphilis (1 in Matale, 2 in Nuwara Eliya, and 1 in Badulla); 1 from Cisticitis (in Galle); 4 from Dysentery (1 each in Hambantota, Jaffna, Trincomalee, and Puttalam); 7 from Malaria (1 in Jaffna, 1 in Kalpitiya, and 5 in Anuradhapura); and 1 from Meningitis (in Kurunegala).

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during February, 1921, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Causes of Deaths.	All 83 Towns.	Western Province.					Central Province.			Southern Province.			Northern Province.		Eastern Province.		North-Western Province.		North-Central Province.		Province of Uva.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.															
		Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Panadure.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nuwara Eliya.	Galle.	Ambalangoda.	Matara.	Welligama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Jaffna.	Batticaloa.	Kalmunai.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.					
II.—General Mortality—contd.																																								
5. Influenza	43	26	—	1	—	—	—	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
6. Pyrexia or Fever	16	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1		
7. Enteric Fever	39	15	2	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3			
8. Malaria	91	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
9. Malarial Cachexia	32	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
10. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
11. Diarrhoea	114	18	4	1	3	—	—	12	3	3	1	8	1	7	6	1	2	2	7	1	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
11a. Enteritis	118	35	—	5	—	—	—	1	2	3	1	7	—	11	2	—	—	—	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2			
12. Dysentery	124	23	6	3	—	—	—	1	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	9	1	1	1	18	—	5	8	5	4	1	1	54	57	10	3				
13. Anchylostomiasis or <i>Duodenalis</i>	..	126	19	12	5	4	3	7	—	4	13	12	2	7	6	4	—	3	2	—	2	1	2	—	8	2	2	2	2	—	—	61	59	4	1					
14. Cancer	11	6	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2				
15. Phthisis	102	56	1	7	1	2	9	—	2	—	2	1	6	3	—	1	7	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17				
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
17. Anaemia	5	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
18. Diabetes Mellitus	12	4	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
19. Convulsions	28	9	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
20. Tetanus	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
21. Bronchitis	26	11	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
22. Pneumonia	239	65	8	12	3	—	—	28	3	5	8	5	11	1	2	1	2	4	7	3	1	2	13	—	2	12	6	8	14	7	3	3	—	—	5				
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	22	11	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	112	14	5	6	1	1	8	2	2	14	3	4	1	6	1	1	—	5	1	—	3	9	3	2	—	10	4	4	—	2	—	57	39	15	1				
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	7	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
26. Puerperal Septicæmia	27	6	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
27. Miscarriage	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth	10	6	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
29. Starvation	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
30. Accidents or Negligence	35	12	3	1	2	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
31. Homicide	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
32. Suicide	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
33. Execution	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
34. All Other Causes	467*	166	27	35	11	2	43	4	3	15	4	62	1	16	6	3	4	21	—	1	2	1	9	—	3	9	7	2	8	2	2	15	275	101	52	16	6		

* Here are included 133 deaths from Old Age, 72 from Debility, 69 from Intestinal Parasites, and 30 from Paralysis.

Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1921, and the Deaths of Children under One Year, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates for February, 1911 to 1920, in each Ward of the City of Colombo.

Wards.	Population (Inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1911.	Population Estimated to Middle of 1921 by Intercensal Increase.	Total Births registered.			Stillbirths.			Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.			Deaths of Non-residents.	Deaths of Residents.	Per Mille per Annum.							
														Birth-rate.*		Death-rate.*		Standardized Death-rate,† Feb., 1921.			
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.			February, 1921.	Average for Feb., 1911, to 1920.	February, 1921.	Average for Feb., 1911, to 1920.				
City of Colombo ..	219,557	305,249	280	255	535	27	28	55	438	312	750	99	651	22·85	26·47	27·80	25·17	32·25	170	318	305
Fort and Galle Face	3,512	3,512‡	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	3	1	—	1·82	3·71	3·68	—	—	—	—
Pettah ..	7,974	7,974‡	—	1	1	—	—	—	7	3	10	—	10	1·63	5·71	16·35	10·30	—	1	—	435
San Sebastian ..	11,546	14,377	15	7	22	1	—	1	16	7	23	—	23	19·95	21·26	20·85	20·48	—	9	409	458
St. Paul's ..	24,735	30,470	16	15	31	2	2	4	43	32	75	—	75	13·26	19·55	32·09	22·85	—	21	677	599
Kotahena ..	40,771	50,138	62	62	124	3	3	6	47	40	87	—	87	32·24	25·72	22·62	24·38	—	33	266	303
New Bazaar ..	22,309	28,735	30	20	50	3	2	5	40	33	73	—	73	22·68	26·02	33·12	25·79	—	31	620	632
Maradana Hospitals	48,093	77,371	28	36	64	10	19	29	121	86	207	80	127	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—
Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals) ..			73	53	126	3	1	4	61	49	110	—	110	21·23	20·67	18·53	20·64	—	28	222	256
Slave Island ..	21,984	28,823	15	23	38	1	—	1	34	22	56	—	56	17·19	23·11	25·33	19·96	—	20	526	432
Kollupitiya ..	25,410	44,430	16	12	28	2	—	2	28	20	48	15	33	8·22	12·62	9·68	10·17	—	5	178	163
Wellawatta ..	13,223	19,419	25	26	51	2	1	3	37	20	57	1	56	34·24	35·01§	37·59	23·48§	—	7	137	132

* The city-rate is worked differently from the ward-rates, and takes into account events in hospitals, &c., not assignable to wards.

† For explanation of the "standardized death-rate" see note a, Table I. The population of the several wards of the city not being available by age- and sex-constitution, their standardized death-rates cannot be calculated.

‡ The population of these two wards being a fluctuating one, their population cannot be estimated to the middle of 1921. Hence the Census figures are retained.

§ Average for the months of February, 1913-1920.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1921, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo.

* Two deaths from Syphilis and 1 each from Influenza, Atelectasis, Cerebral Compression, and Cholesterin.

* Three deaths each from Rickets, Dysentery, and Influenza; 2 each from Thrush, Worms, Intestinal Obstruction, and Syphilis, and 1 each from Meningitis, Scabies, Whooping Cough, Phthisis, Dochmias, and Smallpox.

† Here are included 45 deaths from Old Age, 15 from Paralysis, 14 each from Debility and Marasmus, and 10 from Worms.